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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of BOYMOND et al.

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For: A PROCESS FOR PREPARING GRINGNARD COMPOUNDS

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2"

Claim 4, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 3" and insert -- claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 4" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 5" and insert --claim 1--.

## **REMARKS**

The claims were amended in the preliminary examination. The claims have been amended further to eliminate multiple dependency and to put it in better form for U.S. filing. No new matter is included.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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